



LARRY PHILLIPS

Chair

Metropolitan King County Council

November 8, 2005

The Honorable Norm Maleng
King County Prosecuting Attorney
516 Third Avenue, Room 400
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Prosecutor Maleng,

As you are aware, on October 26, 2005, Lori Sotelo, Chair of the King County Republican Party's "Voter Registration Integrity Project," challenged the validity of 1,944 voter registrations in King County.

Under Washington State law, a voter's registration is presumptive evidence of his or her right to vote in an election. Anyone wishing to challenge a voter's registration must declare under penalty of perjury that they possess "personal knowledge and belief that this [voter] is not qualified to vote, or does not reside at the address given on his or her voter registration record and is also not protected by the provisions of Article VI, section 4, of the Washington State Constitution."

Metropolitan King County Councilmembers have been contacted by challenged voters whose voter registrations are not only correctly registered to their home addresses, but who also have no prior contact or relationship with Ms. Sotelo. Thus, Ms. Sotelo's basis for "personal knowledge and belief" of falsified voter registrations is highly questionable, and her voter challenges should be investigated for possible perjury.

I urge you to investigate Ms. Sotelo's possible perjury in this matter; a violation of state law and a constitutional violation of numerous voters' inherent right to vote in King County.

I am copying all King County voters who received a challenge to their voter registration so they may contact you if they were erroneously challenged.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Phillips, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council

cc: The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive
The Honorable Sue Rahr, King County Sheriff
Metropolitan King County Councilmembers
Dean Logan, Director, King County Records, Elections, and Licensing Services Division
Dan Satterberg, Chief of Staff, King County Prosecuting Attorney Office
Scott White, Chief of Staff, Metropolitan King County Council
Challenged voters